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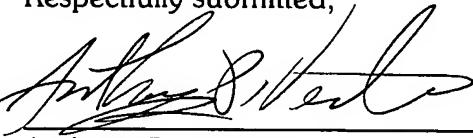
Claims 1-15 are pending.

The claims have been amended to delete the multiple dependent claim status. No new matter is presented by the above amendments. Claim 14 is supported by original Claim 5. Claim 15 is supported by original Claim 10.

Early and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

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## ATTACHMENT I - Abstract

The invention relates to a method for fractional crystallisation of an at most partially solidified molten metal. According to the invention a layer of at most partially solidified molten metal to be crystallised is cooled by a layer of cooling liquid, which is present above and/or below the layer of at most partially solidified molten metal so as to crystallise the molten metal.